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Pennsylvania's Red Meat Production Up 1 Percent in February

HARRISBURG --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during February 2003 totaled 94.0 million pounds, up 1 percent from February 2002, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 101.7 million pounds live weight, was up 5 percent from February 2002. Total head slaughtered was 79,200, up 5 percent also; and live weight averaged 1,284 pounds, a decrease of 2 pounds. Veal slaughter was 5.13 million pounds live weight, up 10 percent. Calf slaughter of 14,200 head was 19 percent more than last year. Average live weight decreased 28 pounds to 361 pounds.

Pork production was 48.7 million pounds live weight, down 2 percent from 2002. Total head slaughtered was 195,800, a decrease of less than 1 percent from last year. Live weight averaged 249 pounds, 2 pounds lighter than last year.

Lamb and mutton slaughter was 696,000 pounds live weight, up 39 percent. The number slaughtered was 6,400 head, up 39 percent also. The average live weight decreased 1 pounds to 108 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in February 2003 totaled 3.50 billion pounds, unchanged from 2002. Beef production, dressed weight basis at 1.94 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Veal production, at 15.8 million pounds, was 10 percent above a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.52 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from February 2002.